

THINK FOOD

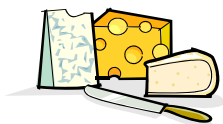
School Nutrition Programs

September 2009



eREBATE PROGRAM REMINDER

The deadline for participating in the rebate programs for this year will be **September 25, 2009**. If you are already signed up and want to continue the program you do not need to do anything.



If you participate in the Schwan's program but have not used your allotted amount of cheese and you no longer wish to participate, please notify Judy Wilson at juwilson@mt.gov. Your cheese will be redistributed to the schools that are using the program.

The EZ Cheez and Los Cabos programs do not need to be notified if you are not participating this year. The cheese for these programs is not allocated.

If you have questions call Judy Wilson at (406) 444-4415.

USDA FOOD\$ VALUE



The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) USDA Food (Commodity) Assistance Rate for school year 2009-10 is .1950 cents per meal.

The USDA calculates the rate using figures provided in the Producer Price Index, which is published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ADDITIONAL USDA FOODS

The following USDA Foods are available on Shipment 3.

Dried Cherries, UHT Milk, Whole Grain Rotini, Whole Grain Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, and Tomato Sauce.

Use the USDA Foods order form that can be found at www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html to place your order.

The deadline for placing additional orders for Shipment 3 will be **September 15, 2009.**

ENTITLEMENT UPDATE

The USDA Planned Assistance Level (PAL) amounts have been updated for the 2009-10 school year and can be found on the Food Distribution Web page at www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html.

The entitlement amounts include all USDA Food orders through August 19, 2009. The amount shown is the amount left for purchasing USDA Foods for the 2009-10 school year. The entitlement amounts will be updated in November when the final Average Daily Meals (ADM) have been updated.



DON'T FORGET

The foodservice manager trainings begin in September. The trainings will provide something for everyone. Topics include what to expect during a review, program requirements, tips and tricks for filling out paperwork, and a chance to exchange ideas with others.

The trainings are scheduled for: **September 22 in Missoula, September 23 in Havre and Kalispell, September 24 in Great Falls, September 29 in Billings**

and September 30 in Glendive. The trainings will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Trainings are free but registration is required. Registration forms can be found on the School Nutrition Programs Web site at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/currentnews.html>.

For more information contact School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

USDA FOOD DELIVERY POLICY



Watkins & Shepard Trucking Co. won the contract to deliver the USDA Foods, and deliveries have begun for the 2009-10 school year.

Deliveries are to be made from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The only exceptions are during winter and spring breaks.

Check in your orders carefully and do not accept any substitutions or overages without contacting Food Distribution at (406) 444-4415.

The complete delivery policy can be found on the School Nutrition Programs Web site at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html> under Food Distribution Commodity Information.